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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please enter this Preliminary Amendment prior to the examination of the subject U.S. National Stage Application filed on even date herewith.

## AMENDMENT A

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

5. (Once Amended) A compressor or a pump when including a valve assembly

according to claim 1.

A marked up copy of the claim showing the amendment is enclosed herewith.